

#### IN GAY ATTIRE.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITAL—INDEED THE CITY BEAUTIFUL.

Not a Society Requisite—Sculpture, Painting and Mural Deccorations Exquisite.

Washington, Dec. 13.

Special Correspondence Ocala Banner.

ton is all bustle and flurry. Every one is busy making extensive preparations for the holidays. The shops are elaborately decorated with holly, wreaths, stars, festoons and fanciful designs in green and red immortels. Wreaths of fir with appropriate mottos, "Merry Xmas," etc., in red immortels, with a cluster of three or more red bells tied with red satin ribbon, seems to be the most popular decoration. Every one has engaged a sprig of mistletoe for the chandelier, and a royal merry time is anticipated.

The Weshington display of Chrismas goods is almost equal to that of New York; the most fastidious may be well pleased without having to go to the trouble of sending away for what is needed.

Some enterprising Florida boy could make a small fortune by shipping a carload of holly and mistletoe to New York for the Christmas holidays. Nearly all the mistletoe used is imported from England. A tiny sprig sells for twenty five cents and a very small wreath of holly sells for the same amount.

Washington can boast of one of the largest and handsomest markets in the United States. It covers two blocks and the six hundred stalls 18 feet by 10 feet, are admirably and attractively arranged with every kind of game, meat, vegetable and flower known to mankind. There is also a large assortment of pickles, breads, cakes, milk, cheese, butter and eggs. On either side the pavement on the southside are a hundred or more old "nigger mammies" with baskets containing all kinds of good things to eat from beaten biscuit down to catnip, who solicit your patronage in a most engaging manner, "Honey I jis know you'r gwine to buy some o' dis nice fresh celery, it am so white an' crisp, just try a piece," etc. It is almost impossible to pass through the line without dropping many pennies

in their eager outstretched hands. Washington may be called "the city fascinating" as well as "the city beautiful." The longer one remains here the more enraptured one becomes. The citizens are cordial, whole-souled and hospitable. It makes no difference whether your purse is a long one or not, just so your credentials are all right, to be received into the most exclusive circle-known as the "old Washington set"-and if you have friends in what is known as the "official society," one may enjoy the many delightful functions given during the season.

There are so many beautiful nearby resorts: Mount Vernon, in all its quiet, historic beauty; Arlington Heights, Alexandria, Fort Washington, the Zoo, and the Old Soldiers Home are visited daily by hundreds

#### Coughs, Colds and Constipation.

Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure and will not constipate. Postoffice Drug Store.

l of delighted visitors.

A stroll through the different public buildings is an education within itself. The treasury, the navy department, agriculture, interior, postoffice, state and war building, pension office, public printing, patent office, census office and bureau of engraving and printing, have polite attendants who explain all the interesting details, and one draws a deep breath and gapes in astonishment at the wonderful and intricate things that are done in such systematic order.

In the Smithsonian Institute and Corcoran Art Gallery one may spend many delightful days, while the great congressional library is a world within itself, and the finest thing of the kind in the whole world. It cost over \$6,000,000. There is \$75,000 worth of gold on the great dome which glistens in the sunlight.

The building has eight acres of floor space and contains 4,500,000 volumes. The main reading room accommodates 266, the periodical room has a seating capacity of 250. The daily number of visitors average 2,711. There are 325 newspapers on file and 2,500 periodicals and 4,000 other periodicals that may be consulted in the special reading room. The senators and representatives have each a handsome reading room in the south wing, elaborately fitted up with marble and mosaic mantles, leather chairs, long tables and exquisite hangings in gold and crimson.

To walk leisurely through the long corridors and study the mural decorations, sculpture, paintings, marble pillars which illustrate everything of importance in history and the legends of ancient times, and to note the delicate coloring and how deftly the gold leaf is wrought into shimmering lightness among the panels elaborate carvings and stucco work, makes one teel like they have touched Aladdin's lamp and have been transported into some enchanted realm. The main entrance and grand stairway with their vaulted ceilings, different colored marble piltars, newel posts, mosaics and every illustration known to science, music and art, simply strikes one dumb with admiration of its grandeur and sublimity. It must be seen to be appreciated. No description will do it justice.

MAMIE Howse-Stoval.

#### Short and Pointed.

In the absence of a "colored column" we clip the following items from the Florida Advertiser, whose editor is Rev. Walker Swann, of this city:

N. W. Sowell is dead and buried.

Colonel Bullock certainly knows how to take care of his clients.

Mr. W. J. Stephens, of Dunnellon made us a present of \$5. Why not others?

Mrs. Maxie and Rebecca Allen and others, from Shady, were in the city on Saturday, but we were not fortunate in seeing them.

Mr. John Brice, of Dunnellon, is one of the most liberal young men in Florida. May God bless the young man and always prosper him. Severnl others of like benovolence are of the true blood of noble parents.

#### Interesting to School Teachers.

State School Teachers Association meets in Lake City Dec 29 to Jan. 1. Rates, 1½ cents each way, plus \$1 membership fee. Tickets on sale Dec. 27, final limit Jan. 5. Low rates at all hotels and boarding houses. Dr. Mc-Murry, of Chicago has been secured as lecturer.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Southern Educational Association will be held in Atlanta Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Railroads will sell round trip tickets from all coupon stations at the rate of one fare plus 25c, plus \$2 for membership fee. Tickets on sale Dec. 29 limited to Jan 3.

You Know What You Are Taking.
When you take Grove's Tasteless
Chill Tonic because the formula is
plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply iron and quinine
in a tasteless form. No cure no pay,

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## IN ELECTRIC CHAIR WIFE SLAYER DIES

Former Brooklyn Policeman Executed at Sing Sing.

TRIED THE INSANITY DODGE

Before His Execution Ennis Exhibited Signs of Mental Collapse, but Doctors Cleverly Exposed Them as Pretended Madness on Part of Man.

Toccoa, Ga., Dec. 15—William H. Ennis, a former Brooklyn policeman, convicted of having murdered his wite, was put to death this morning in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison. Two applications of the current were made. The murder occurred Jan. 14, 1902, at the home of Ennis' mother, in Canarsie. Ennis is reported to have made a full confession as to the result of a remarkable experiment made by a commission of alienists.

Empis, after his conviction, apparently, became insane. A commission appointed by the governor went to the prison and found he had not only exhibited signs of mental collapse, but his physical condition appeared to be alarming and he tottered about the ceil on his toes with knees bent outward. This suggested a test and Enhis was carried to the operating table. An ether cone was placed over his face and just enough of the anaesthetic was administered to affect his mind to the point of cloudiness. Then he was suddenly thrown from the table to the floor. Ennis alighted upon his teet. He whirled about and walked across the room. There was no trace of weakness or uncertainty. The doctors burst into a laugh at the exposure and Ennis joined them.

"You have caught me," he is said to have remarked, "and I am glad of it.

No man can realize what my sufferings have been during the past 78 weeks.

Pretending madness, I have often approached so near the border line that it has not been who liv pretense."

#### SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE.

Weary Grind Continues—Seven Teams

New York, Dec. 12.—With seven teams tied for first place, Root and Dorlan, having withdrawn last night, and Moran and Keegan still a lap behind, but making occasional desperate spurts to make up that distance, the riders in the six-day race kept up their weary grind today, all the men except Breton appearing in shape to continue to the end. Breton, when relieved after a hot sprint, coughed up a quantity of blood and seemed very weak, but his trainer stated that he would finish the race.

During the early morning John Be dell and Floyd Krebs by an unexpected sprint, gained three-quarters of a lap on the leaders, but were finally over hauled and caught.

#### TO VISIT UNITED STATES.

Grand Vizier of Shah of Persia and Suite.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—General Isaac Kahn, Persian minister to Washington, is expected here in a few days with a party of friends to await the coming of the grand vizier of the shah of Persia who, with his suite, is on his way from the Orient and is due here on Dec. 21.

The government has already advised the local secret service agents of the coming of the distinguished visitor and instructed them to see to his safety while here and enroute to Washing ton.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Cuban Reciprocity Bill Was Under Discussion.

Washington, Dec. 14.-The Democratic senators held a caucus today for the purpose of discussing the advisability of attempting to amend the Cuban reciprocity bill, but adjourned to meet again next Monday, without arriving at any conclusion. The caucus was a spirited one, and was sharply divided on the point at issue, some of the senators contending that numerous amendment should be presented and others holding out against any effort whatever to change character of the bill and standing for a straight party vote against it. The caucus continued until after the beginning of the session of the senate.

The caucus considered some complaints made by senators relative to the early adjournment of the senate on Thursday. Senators who filed these complaints expressed the opinion that the Thursday session should have continued in order to have offered opportunity for speech-making and some of them suggested an effort should be made to extend for a day or two the time for discussion which would have the effect of postponing adjournment:

Sunday Liquor Selling Plan.

New York, Dec. 12.—It has been decided at a meeting of the leaders of the Citizens' Union to favor the Sunday liquor selling plan proposed by District Attorney Jerome. This would be in the form of an amendment to the Raines law, which shall permit saloons to do business between the hours of 1 and 11 p. m. on Sunday.

Pastor Accepts Call.
Huntington, Mass., Dec. 15—Rev.
George Gordon Ross, for two and a
half years pastor of the Second Congregational church here, has accepted
a call to the Congregational church of
Old Orehard, Mo., a suburb of St.
Louis.

# XMAS BARGAINS

AT

## THE BOSTON STORE

## One Week From To-day Will Be Christmas

Our Stock is Complete in Every Particular, Especially in Men's Ladies' and Boy's Ready Made Garments

#### Men's Suits

We have over twenty patterns to select from and all the latest shades. We also have your size at prices from \$3.50 to \$15.00.

#### Youth's Suits

We just received a shipment of Youth's Suits by express last Saturday and they are beauties. We have them in the very latest creations of young men's wear from \$3.50 to \$15.00.

#### Boy's Suits

Our Stock in this line has never been so large, we have them in all styles colors and sizes and at prices that will suit your purse ranging from \$1.00 to \$6.00

#### Men's Overcoats

Our stock of Men's Overcoats is slightly broken and if you will come now to select from it your choice will be a bargain. Prices were \$3.50 to \$12.50

#### Youth's Overcoats

Young men here is your chance to buy a nice overcoat real cheap as our line is almost complete we wish to unload of these goods before New Years. All colors and styles at \$1.50 to \$8.00.

#### Boy's Overcoats

We are the Only house careying a complete line of Little Gents overcoats. We have all of the very lates! styles and have your boy's size at \$1.00 to \$5.00.

### LADIES HERE IS WHERE YOU COME IN

#### Ladie's Jackets.

We had more Ladies' Jackets than any two of our competitors in Ocala put together and still have a very large stock on hand. They consist of the very best in Ladies' Wear, \$1.00 to \$15.00.

#### Ladie's Suits

Our stock of these consists of everything a lady could wish. We have the latest styles and if you pay us a visit will be pleased to show you at \$5.00 to \$15.00

### Ladie's Skirts

We have always carried more skirts than all the other stores in Ocala combined and still hold the same reputation. We have everything in skirts a 11 colors, styles and lengths at \$1.00 to \$20.00.

### LADIES!

You will find the largest line of Ladies' Garments in our store than any other house between Jacksonville or Tampa.

#### Gent's Furnishings

Everything that a man could wish for from a collar button to a shirt he will find in our store and at Boston Store prices which means cheap.

### Men's and Ladies' Hats

In Headwear for Man, Woman and Child we can suit anybody's choice. Come and pick a hat nicely trimmed at \$1.00 to \$5.00

#### Shoes

We want to sell out of
this line entirely and now
is your chance to 'shoe
everyone in the house at
a very small cost
— Come —

If you have read the above come to our Store to buy your winter's supply you will go away with more goods and a heavier purse. Come and see to the only store that satisfies.

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Your money back if not pleased, %